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SUBJECT: DANISH VIEW OF EC/ARAB DIALOGUE

SUMMARY: DANES ARE ENCOURAGED BY PROSPECTS FOR EC-ARAB DIALOGUE
AND MFA OFFICIALS ARE PLEASED THAT US-EC ATMOSPHERICS ARE NOW ON THE
MEND, LARGELY AS RESULT OF LESS ABRASIVE FRENCH ATTITUDE. DURING
INTRA-EC DISCUSSIONS, DENMARK HAS NOT MADE A BIG ISSUE OUT OF OIL
PRODUCERS CONTINUING RESTRICTIONS ON THIS COUNTRY. THEY REMAIN HOPE-
FUL, HOWEVER, THAT, AS EC-ARAB DIALOGUE PROGRESSES, ARABS WILL
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GRADUALLY EASE RESTRICTIONS. FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG HAS BEEN

TAKING VERY OPTIMISTIC LINE IN PUBLIC ABOUT FUTURE OF EC AND EUROPEAN RELATIONS WITH MIDDLE EAST. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF ON JUNE 12 REVIEWED RECENT EC DISCUSSIONS ON EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE WITH MFA DEPARTMENT HEAD THORNING-PETERSEN, WHO ECHOED SATISFACTION REPORTED FROM OTHER POSTS. THORNING-PETERSEN, WHO ATTENDED JUST CONCLUDED EC MINISTERIAL, COMMENTED THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY VERY GLAD THAT MEANS HAD BEEN FOUND TO CONSULT WITH US ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS THIS. IN HIS VIEW, PRINCIPAL REASON FOR IMPROVEMENT IN GENERAL ATMOSPHERE WAS CHANGE IN FRENCH ATTITUDE. SAUVAGNARGUES HAD GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO BE CONCILIATORY, AND WHILE THIS WAS PERHAPS A CHANGE MORE OF STYLE THAN OF SUBSTANCE, IT HAD AN IMMEDIATE BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON RELATIONSHIPS BOTH WITHIN EC AND WITH THE US. THORNING-PETERSEN SAID HE WAS ALSO VERY IMPRESSED BY GENSCHER'S PERFORMANCE AS CHAIRMAN, ESPECIALLY HIS EFFECTIVENESS IN SUMMING UP RESULTS OF DISCUSSION.

2. THORNING-PETERSEN'S COUNTERPART ON ECONOMIC SIDE OF MFA, RIBERHOLDT, MADE FOLLOWING POINTS ON SAME DAY TO ECONOFF RE DANISH ATTITUDE ON ARAB OIL BOYCOTT, IN CONTEXT PROPOSED EC/ARAB DIALOGUE:

A. ECON SIDE OF MINISTRY HAD PUT NO PRESSURE ON POLITICAL SIDE TO CONDITION DANISH PARTICIPATION IN DIALOGUE ON END TO OIL BOYCOTT.

B. AS FAR AS HE KNEW, DENMARK, IN EC-9 DISCUSSIONS, DID NOT HINGE PARTICIPATION IN DIALOGUE TO ENDING OF OIL BOYCOTT, DISPUTE CONTINUING SERIOUS CONCERN OVER RESTRICTIONS, WHICH AMOUNT TO BOYCOTT.

C. DANES HAVE NOT ASKED EC PRESIDENCY TO URGE LIFTING OF BOYCOTT IN INITIAL CONTACTS WITH ARABS. THEY ASSUME PRESIDENCY WILL DO SO WITHOUT COACHING. THEY HAVE IMPRESSION THAT DUTCH MAY BE A BIT MORE VOCAL WITH PRESIDENCY ON THIS POINT.

D. DANISH ASSUMPTION REMAINS THAT FAILURE TO LIFT BOYCOTT AT CAIRO MEETING EARLIER THIS MONTH WAS RESPONSIBILITY OF YAMANI, BUT DANES HAVE NOT MADE, AND DO NOT PLAN TO MAKE, REPRESENTATIONS TO SAUDIS ON THIS ISSUE.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG HAS BEEN TAKING A VERY UP-BEAT LINE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS RECENT PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT EC PROSPECTS IN GENERAL AND EC-ARAB RELATIONS IN PARTICULAR. HE TOLD PRESS AT CONCLUSION OF BONN MINISTERIAL MEETING THAT "THE MUCH TALKED ABOUT POLITICAL UNION AMONG EC COUNTRIES WILL CRYSTALIZE ITSELF PRECISELY THROUGH SUCH STEP BY STEP PROGRESS. IT IS BECOMING STEADILY MORE CLEAR THAT ALL IMPORTANT POLITICAL QUESTIONS IN EUROPE CAN ONLY BE SOLVED THROUGH COOPERATION.

4. EVEN BEFORE MINISTERIAL, GULDBERG HAD EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN A LENGTHY INTERVIEW IN INDEPENDENT KRISTELIGT DAGBLAD DURING WHICH HE APPROACHED EUPHORIA ON EC-ARAB RELATIONS. MINISTER REPORTEDLY STATED THAT EUROPE'S FUTURE, BEYOND IMMEDIATE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVING ITALY AND UK, LIES IN OPEN COOPERATION WITH THE MIDDLE EAST. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONCLUDED, "IF EUROPEAN COOPERATION IS DEVELOPED AND BECOMES STABLE, IF THE EC, NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST CAN AGREE TO SUPPLEMENT EACH OTHER'S ADVANTAGES AND DRAWBACKS, THEN DENMARK'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES ARE ALSO A TRANSITORY PROBLEM-SOMETHING WE CAN MANAGE".

5. COMMENT: GULDBERG'S ATTEMPT TO CALL A NEW WORLD INTO EXISTENCE TO REDRESS THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF THE OLD SEEMS SOMEWHAT UNREALISTIC BUT MAY REPRESENT HIS REAL FEELINGS ON SUBJECT. ONE SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL IN COMMENTING ON GULDBERG'S FASCINATION WITH MIDDLE EAST, ASCRIBED IT TO THE MINISTER'S FIRST PROFESSION, AS CIVIL ENGINEER. MUCH OF DANISH CONTACT WITH MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN VIA PARTICIPATION IN ENGINEERING PROJECTS AND SOME RESIDUE OF EARLIER ROMANTICISM MAY REMAIN IN PEOPLE LIKE GULDBERG, HE IMPLIED. CROWE

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